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MEDICAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the proper attention is not being paid by ICMR on medical research activities in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have reviewed the research work done by ICMR during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d): The ICMR is the nodal agency for medical research in the country and it conducts research activities through intramural and extramural research programmes. The intramural research is conducted through its 26 institutes and regional medical centres which address mainly to diseases specific to the region where it is established. The extramural research programme is carried out by various medical institutions, other research institutes in the country through financial assistance of ICMR.The ICMR has a peer review system wherein extramural projects are evaluated by specific Project Review Committees,Advisory Committees, Expert Groups, which has got representatives of other institutions thereby external assessment of the research projects is undertaken. The intramural research programmes are reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Committee constituted for individual institutes with external members. These are further evaluated by Scientific Advisory Board expert members drawn from various institutions across the country.The research results of ICMR are published in peer reviewed national and international journals.